

## Goodfellow, Bob

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**From:** Goodfellow, Bob  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2013 1:50 PM  
**To:** Ruhl, Christopher  
**Subject:** RE: Questions from the Administrator on the West Fertilizer company explosion and fire

The WCS was for 54000 lbs of ammonia. The facility used DEGADIS and the numbers were accurate.

Ammonium nitrate is not particularly "hazardous". Acute health effects listed are as an irritant, and it's non-flammable.

Quick review of the current RMP doesn't scream out that any lies or misrepresentations were made.

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**From:** Ruhl, Christopher  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2013 1:27 PM  
**To:** Goodfellow, Bob  
**Subject:** Re: Questions from the Administrator on the West Fertilizer company explosion and fire

Work up a potential response and send it to me.

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**From:** Goodfellow, Bob  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2013 1:25:32 PM  
**To:** Ruhl, Christopher  
**Subject:** FW: Questions from the Administrator on the West Fertilizer company explosion and fire

More from HQ

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**From:** Jennings, Kim  
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**To:** Goodfellow, Bob  
**Cc:** Smith, Monica; Matthiessen, Craig; Mason, Steve; Beasley, Lynn; Jennings, Kim  
**Subject:** Questions from the Administrator on the West Fertilizer company explosion and fire

Hi Bob,

We have gotten a couple of questions from our Administrator through our AA regarding the West Fertilizer Company and the Region's inspection of that facility. What they want to know is:

We understand that the Region inspected the facility in 2006 and issued a penalty for a number of issues which the facility self certified that they corrected, but did the Region:

- review and analyze the worst case scenerio to see if it was appropriate and correct?
- notice that the facility stored other types of hazardous chemicals, such as ammonium nitrate, and if so, did they determine whether the facility was handling those chemicals according to the proper prevention techinques and industry standards?
- review the most recent version of the facilities RMP (i.e. June 2011 version) to ensure it was correct?

It would be helpful if I could get this information by 3:15 pm as our AA will be meeting with the Administrator later this afternoon to discuss the answers to these (and other) questions.

Sorry for the tight timeframe.

Thanks,  
Kim